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\$2.2 million in scholarships awarded at 2008 Hispanic Youth Symposium

IDAHO FALLS-- More than 130 students from throughout the state received college scholarships after participating in the 2008 Hispanic Youth Symposium in Sun Valley April 25-27.

Scholarships valued at almost \$2.2 million were awarded at the symposium, which brought nearly 300 Idaho Latino high school students together for a weekend of motivational speakers and interactive workshops. Students also participated in speech, talent, art, athletic and interactive skill contests.

The symposium was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, contractors at Idaho National Laboratory, Gem State Diversity Initiatives, state agencies and private employers. Educational institutions offering scholarships were College of Idaho , Boise State University , BYU-Idaho, College of Southern Idaho , Eastern Idaho Technical College , Gonzaga University , Idaho State University, Lewis-Clark State College, Northwest Nazarene University , University of Idaho , Utah State University and Utah Valley State College. Several institutions also offered College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) scholarships. In addition, Gem State Diversity Initiatives awarded scholarships for all competitive events as well as to students showing promise (\$1,000 to seniors and \$500 to juniors). The entire list of scholarship winners is at the end of this news release.

Theme of the symposium was "Si Se Puede! -- Yes, It Can Be Done!" The event targets the important themes of dropout prevention, continuing education, taking pride in Latino culture and breaking the cycle of poverty. Through the symposium, the students learn that nothing is impossible because they have the power to shape their own futures.

- Esperanza Hernandez of Parma High School was awarded the \$3,000 Natalie Lupe Reyes Memorial Scholarship for being selected the outstanding female student of the symposium.
- Edgar Romero of Wood River High School was awarded the \$3,000 Frank Gamboa Sanchez Memorial Scholarship for being selected the outstanding male student of the symposium.

Other winners (Name, high school, scholarship amount):

- Marcial Lemos, Aberdeen High School , \$500 Idaho State University , \$10,000 Utah State University
- Maribel Mendez, American Falls High School, \$500 Idaho State University, \$1,200 Gem State Diversity scholarship for first place in the speech competition
- Rubi Gasca, Blackfoot High School, \$38,800 College of Idaho, \$1,200 Gem State Diversity scholarship for first place (tie) in the essay competition
- Alfonso Hernandez, Blackfoot High School , \$28,000 College of Idaho
- Anabel Maldonado, Blackfoot High School, \$38,000 College of Idaho, \$500 Gem State Diversity scholarship for third place in the talent competition (traditional)
- Alejandro Martinez, Blackfoot High School, \$1,000 Boise State University, \$500 Idaho State University, \$500 University of Idaho, \$12,500 Utah State University
- Abigail Perez, Blackfoot High School , \$4,475 University of Idaho CAMP
- Juvent Ramirez, Blackfoot High School , \$32,000 College of Idaho
- Sydney Amigo, Boise High School , \$2,000 University of Idaho
- Katie Bisig, Boise High School , \$250 Gem State Diversity scholarship for second place (female) in the 5K run
- Gabriel Lopez, Bonneville High School, \$40,000 College of Idaho, \$20,500 Utah State University, \$12,752 Utah Valley State College, \$1,250 Gem State Diversity scholarship for first place in the Issues to Action competition
- Ramon Vega, Bonneville High School, \$28,000 College of Idaho, \$20,000 Northwest Nazarene University, \$17,000 Utah State University
- Jordan Arellano, Borah High School , \$38,800 College of Idaho
- Nailea Cardenas, Borah High School , \$8,000 Northwest Nazarene University
- Yvette Viveros, Borah High School , \$32,000 College of Idaho , \$13,500 Boise State University
- Norma Alvarez, Burley High School , \$500 College of Southern Idaho
- Jhony Valencia , Burley High School , \$1,000 University of Idaho
- Maricela Avila, Caldwell High School, \$1,750 University of Idaho, \$1,000 Gem State Diversity scholarship for second place in the talent competition (traditional)
- Heidi Murphy, Caldwell High School , \$38,000 College of Idaho
- Miguel Pesina, Caldwell High School, \$4,475 University of Idaho CAMP, \$1,000 Gem State Diversity scholarship for second place in the essay competition
- Teresa Rosales, Caldwell High School , \$500 College of Southern Idaho
- Stevenae Olson, Capital High School, \$28,000 College of Idaho, \$600 Gem State Diversity scholarship for fourth place in the speech competition

- Josephine Peralta, Capital High School , \$2,280 College of Southern Idaho
- Omar Tellez, Cassia Alternative High School , \$500 scholarship from Gem State Diversity
- Alicia Vuittonet, Central Academy , \$260 Northwest Nazarene University
- Tia Velazques, Century High School , \$1,530 BYU-Idaho, \$1,000 Gem State Diversity scholarship for second place in the talent competition (contemporary)
- Joseph Montoya, Challis High School , \$500 Gem State Diversity scholarship for first place (male) in the 5K run
- Jesus Clara, Clark County High School , \$1,350 Eastern Idaho Technical College , \$1,000 scholarship from North Wind, Inc.
- Gabriel Cortes, Columbia High School , \$32,000 College of Idaho , \$15,500 Northwest Nazarene University
- Antonio Hernandez, Columbia High School, \$28,000 College of Idaho, \$3,060 BYU-Idaho, \$1,200 Gem State Diversity scholarship for first place (tie) in the talent competition (contemporary)
- Valerie McDaniel, Dietrich High School , \$1,530 BYU-Idaho
- Jose Duran, Eagle High School , \$4,500 Boise State University CAMP
- Yuridida Ayala, Emmett High School , \$4,500 Boise State University CAMP
- Noemi Juarez, Filer High School , \$500 Gem State Diversity scholarship for second place in the Issues to Action competition
- Barbara Tapia, Filer High School , \$28,000 College of Idaho , \$2,000 Boise State University
- Javier Nuñez, Glens Ferry High School , \$4,475 University of Idaho CAMP , \$250 Gem State Diversity scholarship for the people's choice award in the talent competition (contemporary)
- Yessica Vazquez, Glens Ferry High School , \$500 College of Southern Idaho
- Luis Rodriguez, Grace High School , \$38,000 College of Idaho
- Isidro Nava, Hagerman High School , \$1,500 University of Idaho
- Ana Castillo, Highland High School , \$260 Northwest Nazarene University
- Ana Laraia, Highland High School , \$10,000 Gonzaga University
- Christopher Voorheis, Highland High School , \$38,000 College of Idaho , \$3,060 BYU-Idaho
- Tiffany Coronado, Hillcrest High School , \$3,060 BYU-Idaho, \$1,000 Gem State Diversity scholarship for third place in the essay competition
- Yvette Gutierrez, Hillcrest High School , \$1,530 BYU-Idaho
- Karen Roybal, Hillcrest High School , \$2,000 Boise State University
- Tiffany Saslow, Hillcrest High School, \$32,000 College of Idaho, \$10,000 Gonzaga University, \$2,500 University of Idaho
- Samuel Sanchez, Homedale High School , \$32,000 College of Idaho
- Krystina Garcia, Idaho Arts Charter School , \$260 Northwest Nazarene University
- Cassidy Fernandez, Idaho Falls High School , \$10,000 Gonzaga University
- Javier Mendoza, Idaho Falls High School , \$38,000 College of Idaho
- Brundi Cruz, Independence Alternative High School (Blackfoot), \$500 scholarship from Gem State Diversity
- Daniel Arteaga, Jerome High School , \$1,200 Gem State Diversity scholarship for first place (tie) in the talent competition (contemporary)
- Flor Camarena, Jerome High School, \$500 Gem State Diversity scholarship for second place in the Issues to Action competition, and \$800 for third place in the speech competition
- Juan Garcia, Jerome High School , \$4,500 Boise State University CAMP
- Celeste Olmos, Jerome High School , \$28,000 College of Idaho
- Anali Santos, Jerome High School, \$2,280 College of Southern Idaho, \$14,500 Northwest Nazarene University, \$1,200 Gem State Diversity scholarship for first place in the talent competition (traditional)
- Gabriella Garcia, Lewiston High School , \$28,800 College of Idaho
- Nicole Williams, Lewiston High School , \$14,000 Northwest Nazarene University
- Maria Elena Martinez, Mackay High School , \$1,000 Boise State University , \$4,500 Boise State University CAMP
- Giovanna Sweat, Madison High School , \$44,000 College of Idaho , \$1,530 BYU-Idaho, \$500 Gem State Diversity scholarship for third place in the talent competition (contemporary)
- Pace Wasden, Madison High School , \$1,000 scholarship from Gem State Diversity
- Josefina Jacobo, Marsing High School , \$28,000 Northwest Nazarene University
- Martha Santos, Melba High School , \$260 Northwest Nazarene University
- Jessica Camacho, Meridian High School , \$8,000 Northwest Nazarene University , \$2,000 University of Idaho
- David Burgara, Minico High School , \$28,000 College of Idaho , \$250 Gem State Diversity scholarship for second place (male) in the 5K run
- Patricia Juarez, Minico High School , \$28,000 College of Idaho
- Julian Rodriguez, Minico High School, \$28,000 College of Idaho, \$13,500 Boise State University, \$2,500 University of Idaho, \$20,500 Utah State University, \$12,752 Utah Valley State College
- Danielle Estrada, Mt. Harrison Jr./Sr. High School, \$1,000 scholarship from Gem State Diversity
- Fernando Tapia, Mt. Harrison Jr./Sr. High School, \$1,000 scholarship from Gem State Diversity
- Lorena Arredondo-Lino, Mountain Home High School , \$24,000 College of Idaho
- Belen Garcia, Mountain Home High School , \$4,475 University of Idaho CAMP
- Ricky Guadarrama, Mountain Home High School , \$4,475 University of Idaho CAMP
- Brandy Juarez, Mountain Home High School , \$32,000 College of Idaho , \$4,475 University of Idaho CAMP , \$125 Gem State Diversity scholarship for the people's choice award in the talent competition
- Jennifer Juarez, Mountain Home High School , \$125 Gem State Diversity scholarship for the people's choice award in the talent competition
- Maria Vanegas, Mountain View High School, \$4,500 Boise State University CAMP, \$4,475 University of Idaho CAMP, \$1,000 scholarship from Gem State Diversity

- Rosaura Vanegas, Mountain View High School , \$4,500 Boise State University CAMP, \$4,475 University of Idaho CAMP
- Jesus Cabral, Murtaugh High School , \$28,000 College of Idaho
- Selene Delgado, Murtaugh High School , \$500 College of Southern Idaho
- Joel Martinez, Murtaugh High School , \$500 College of Southern Idaho
- Guadalupe Gonzalez, Nampa High School, \$1,000 scholarship from Gem State Diversity, \$500 scholarship for honorable mention in the essay competition
- Rodolfo Jimenez, Nampa High School, \$260 Northwest Nazarene University, \$1,000 Gem State Diversity scholarship for second place in the speech competition
- Damian Martinez, Nampa High School , \$20,000 College of Idaho
- Jessica Quintero, Nampa High School , \$28,000 College of Idaho , \$2,500 University of Idaho
- Maria Torres, Nampa High School , \$4,500 Boise State University CAMP, \$1,000 Northwest Nazarene University , \$4,475 University of Idaho CAMP
- Maria Zermeno, New Plymouth High School , \$38,000 College of Idaho
- Elizabeth Altamirano, North Fremont High School , \$4,500 Boise State University CAMP
- Angelica Ponce , North Fremont High School , \$3,060 BYU-Idaho
- Maria Tellez, Oakley High School , \$1,000 scholarship from North Wind, Inc.
- Joseph Rude, Pocatello High School , \$40,000 College of Idaho
- Bryan Skinner, Preston High School , \$38,000 College of Idaho
- Brandon Woodward, Preston High School, \$28,000 College of Idaho, \$7,500 Utah State University, \$1,200 Gem State Diversity scholarship for first place (tie) in the essay competition
- Irisanneth Galvan, Rigby High School , \$1,000 scholarship from Gem State Diversity
- Samantha Perez, Rigby High School, \$28,000 College of Idaho, \$1,250 Gem State Diversity scholarship for first place in the Issues to Action competition
- Emily Rose Reyes, Rigby High School , \$1,530 BYU-Idaho
- Joel Ontiveros, Rinrock High School , \$28,000 College of Idaho , \$4,500 Boise State University CAMP
- Carlos Salinas, Rinrock High School , \$4,500 Boise State University CAMP
- Jason Perez, Ririe High School , \$40,000 College of Idaho
- Lynzi Coronado, Shelley High School , \$1,530 BYU-Idaho, \$500 Idaho State University , \$16,000 Utah State University , \$500 Gem State Diversity scholarship for first place (female) in the 5K run
- Yeddie Elizondo, Shelley High School , \$4,500 Boise State University CAMP, \$3,060 BYU-Idaho, \$11,000 Utah State University
- Esmeralda Guerrero, Shelley High School , \$14,000 Northwest Nazarene University
- Richard Martinez, Shelley High School , \$260 Northwest Nazarene University , \$500 scholarship from Gem State University
- Sandra Magana, Shoshone High School , \$4,475 University of Idaho CAMP
- Jorge Rangel, Skyline High School, \$1,000 scholarship from Gem State Diversity, \$500 scholarship for fifth place in the speech competition
- Araceli Trejo, Skyline High School , \$500 scholarship from Gem State Diversity
- Itzel Valencia , Skyline High School , \$28,000 College of Idaho
- Kortney Yde, Skyline High School, \$32,000 College of Idaho, \$1,530 BYU-Idaho, \$12,752 Utah Valley State College
- Vicente Aranguiz, Skyview High School , \$38,800 College of Idaho , \$1,000 Boise State University
- Diana Rivera, Skyview High School, \$28,000 College of Idaho, \$500 College of Southern Idaho, \$1,000 scholarship from Gem State Diversity
- Berenisse Bencomo, Snake River High School, \$28,000 College of Idaho, \$4,475 University of Idaho CAMP, \$1,000 scholarship from Gem State Diversity
- Brandon Ibarra, Snake River High School, \$500 Idaho State University, \$1,000 scholarship from Gem State Diversity
- Claudia Luna-Meza, Snake River High School, \$40,000 College of Idaho, \$20,000 Utah State University, \$12,752 Utah Valley State College
- Eduardo Molina, Snake River High School , \$16,000 Utah State University , \$1,000 Gem State Diversity scholarship for second place in the art competition, \$500 for the people's choice award in the art competition
- Beatrice Resendiz, Snake River High School , \$3,060 BYU-Idaho, \$500 College of Southern Idaho
- Maria Haro, South Fremont High School , \$4,500 Boise State University CAMP, \$4,475 University of Idaho CAMP
- Gisela Yanez, Sugar-Salem High School, \$28,000 College of Idaho, \$1,100 Boise State University, \$500 Idaho State University
- Karina Carrillo, Teton County High School , \$1,000 Eastern Idaho Technical College
- Sarai Martinez, Teton County High School , \$32,000 College of Idaho
- Elaina Perez, Timberline High School , \$1,000 University of Idaho
- Silvino Jimenez Jr., Vallivue High School , \$32,000 College of Idaho , \$1,100 Boise State University
- Silvano Matthews, Vallivue High School , \$1,000 scholarship from Gem State Diversity
- Janet Ruesga, Vallivue High School , \$4,475 University of Idaho CAMP
- Jackelyn Sandoval, Vallivue High School, \$28,000 College of Idaho , \$2,500 University of Idaho
- Erika Liera, Weiser High School , \$1,000 Northwest Nazarene University , \$4,475 University of Idaho CAMP
- Maria Mandujano, Weiser High School , \$28,000 College of Idaho , \$4,475 University of Idaho CAMP
- Bertha Orozco, Weiser High School , \$4,475 University of Idaho CAMP
- Nallely Prado, Weiser High School , \$4,475 University of Idaho CAMP
- Carlos Vargas, Wendell High School , \$4,500 Boise State University CAMP, \$1,000 Northwest Nazarene University
- Eduardo Llamas, West Jefferson High School , \$500 College of Southern Idaho , \$1,200 Gem State Diversity scholarship for first place in the art competition
- Omar Luna, West Jefferson High School , \$34,000 College of Idaho

- Alejandro Montalvan, West Jefferson High School , \$4,500 Boise State University CAMP
- Yesenia Gonzalez, Wilder Middle/High School, \$1,500 Lewis Clark State College CAMP
- Lorena Vega, Wilder Middle/High School, \$2,280 College of Southern Idaho

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